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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :
Masahiro SAITOU, et al. : GROUP ART UNIT: 1745
SERIAL NO.: 09/448,144 :
FILED: November 24, 1999 : EXAMINER: J. MERCADO
FOR: SEPARATOR OF PROTON EXCHANGE FUEL CELL AND ITS
MANUFACTURING METHOD

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated October 11, 2002, the period for response having been extended to February 11, 2002, by a Request for Extension of Time filed herewith, please reconsider the application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the Claims as follows.

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1. (Twice Amended) A separator of a proton exchange fuel cell, comprising:
- a separator substrate; and
 - a multi-coating layer formed on said separator substrate;
 - said multi-coating layer including at least two layers selected from the group consisting of a low electric resistance layer, a corrosion resistance layer and a peeling resistance layer;